

POST-APPLICATION PERIOD REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Under section 60851 of title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, if the Bureau of State Audits or the Applicant Review Panel decides to exclude or remove an applicant from the pool of applicants being considered for selection to the Citizens Redistricting Commission, the applicant may request reconsideration of the decision if the decision was the result of an error relating to:

- Having a conflict of interest;
- Failing to satisfy the eligibility requirements for serving on the commission; or
- Failing to comply with the procedural requirements of the application process.

To request reconsideration of the decision to exclude or remove you from the applicant pool because the decision was based on an error, as described above, please provide the following information and submit it to the Bureau of State Audits by e-mail, facsimile, or delivery to the address stated at the bottom of this form. This form must be received by the bureau no later than 10 days after the date of the notification that you were excluded or removed from the applicant pool.

Name: JOHN D. HODSON APPLICANT ID # 25735

Date of the notice of exclusion or removal: 4-29-10

Description of the error that caused the exclusion or removal:

YOUR EMAIL SAYS YOU DID NOT RECIEVE MY ELECTRONICALLY
SUBMITTED SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION.

Description of the correct facts establishing that you should not have been excluded or removed:

SEE COPY ATTACHED. YOU DID RECIEVE IT,
TIMESTAMPED 3/17/2010. YOU ALSO HAVE MY 3
RECOMMENDATION LETTERS.

Description of any evidence or other information that supports the facts as you now state them:

SEE ATTACHED TIMESTAMP FROM YOU!

If this request is being submitted more than 10 days after you were sent notice that were excluded or removed from the applicant pool, an explanation for why this request is being submitted late: N/A

I affirm, by signing or typing my name below, that the statements contained in this Request For Reconsideration are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature or typed name:  Date: 4-29-10

Bureau of State Audits, 555 Capitol Mall, Suite 300, Sacramento, CA 95814
Facsimile: 919-322-7801 E-mail: VotersFirstAct.bsa.ca.gov

Supplemental Application for Citizens Redistricting Commission

You have successfully submitted your supplemental application. As it has already been submitted, it can no longer be modified. We will notify you via email with further information.

Submission Timestamp: 03/17/2010 19:57:05

You can add amendments to your application if you realize you made a mistake, would like to add a job to your employment history, or forgot to include a family member.

[Add Amendment](#)

Part 1: Essay Questions:

The responses to the essay questions are limited to no more than 3200 characters including spaces (approximately 500 words) per essay question. You may cut and paste text from any word processing program such as Microsoft Word.

1. Please describe why you are interested in serving on the Citizens Redistricting Commission.

Throughout my adult life, I have been interested in politics. Because I have been privileged to live in several states, I have seen first-hand the gerrymandering commonly used to protect legislative districts for (or from) one party or the other. In my view, the Citizens Redistricting Commission is an excellent example of a good faith effort to counter "politics as usual" and provide the people of California a nonpartisan approach to allocating their legislative representation. If we can make this work in California, it may well inspire similar initiatives in other states.

I believe effective representation requires definable districts. Usually, that includes communities - places with actual (not contrived) political boundaries, such as towns, cities, or counties. Taking "a corner of A, a sliver of B, and a midsection of C" to piece together a legislative district whose people have little in common may help preserve a party's hold on the district, but it virtually guarantees there will be no community of ideas, and no commonly shared concerns, for a legislator to consider and represent.

California can do better.

The U.S. Constitution allocates congressional representation based upon population - not special interests. We can accomplish that without all the political maneuvering. I envision an honest result will likely still yield some Democrat or Republican strongholds. I see no reason these should be divided just for the sake of division. An honest result will likely also yield some - perhaps many - legislative districts that indicate an American truth: we are a politically divided people. In the marketplace of ideas, I view that as a good thing. In some elections, the ideas on one side may be persuasive and may prevail; in other years, the opposition may prove stronger. I believe that give-and-take is the mother's milk of American politics at its best. Self-preservation may be human nature, but it is not a legitimate objective for those we elect to serve the public good.

I do not want the Commission to devolve into groups intent upon protecting their own interests. I would like an opportunity to serve because as a Republican, I know I am in the political minority in California. As a member of a political minority, I can and will commit to the proposition that legislative districts should be drawn to preserve communities to the extent possible, regardless of